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of underground elements have been disproven. the deaths of three of the nine have been reported EO50XI. Instead of proof as to the non-existence of police tortures, the ability of Brazilian security authorities to produce on short notice all 40 prisoners demanded may indicate that the terrorists maintain good information channels into the prisons, which enable them to verify the status of their arrested comrades. Presumably up to now the terrorists have not been sufficiently interested in proving the death of an arrested comrade to demand his release and thereby possibly jeopardize the entire prisoner exchange. The fact that some important arrested terrorists, such as Cláudio Torres, one of the Elbrick kidnapers and a companion of Lamarca, were not included on the release list is thought by some to have reflected knowledge by the kidnapers of their having cooperated with the police. However, it also is possible that they are being left for a future kidnap occasion.

In view of the preponderance of active terrorists on the prisoner release list, it appears that a number of them may eventually return to Brazil to continue their underground activities. This consideration probably was a major reason for their having been selected for release. Should any of them again be apprehended by Brazilian security forces, however, it is doubtful they would stay alive long enough to be again ransomed. The Second Army prosecutor has openly proposed that the GOB adopt a policy of immediately executing any ransomed political prisoners if they are again found within Brazil. While we doubt that this will become official policy, it could become the actual practice.

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